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application of:

Thomas A. BONASERA et al.

Confirmation No. 8672

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action dated May 31, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of this application.

Claim amendments appear herein starting on page 2.

Remarks discussing the amendments to the claims appears herein starting on page 17.

A fee sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In the amendment filed concurrently herewith, one dependent claim has been withdrawn and five dependent claims have been rewritten as independent claims. As originally filed, the application has 39 claims with 1 independent claim. Currently, the application has 38 claims with 6 independent claims.

Owing to the small entity status of the application, the fee for the excess claims introduced by the amendment is estimated to be \$ 300. Please charge any and all required fee fees to Winston & Strawn Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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